



VA-St. Louis Health Care System

Neurologic Physical Therapy Residency

VA-St. Louis Health Care System is proud to offer an ABPTRFE-accredited neurologic physical therapy residency program. The mission of this program is to train thoughtful clinicians who can integrate and synthesize neurologic physical therapy specialty practice, knowledge, and skill in an effort to provide our veteran population with outstanding, evidence-based physical therapy services across the continuum of care. Our didactic and clinical curriculum are carefully designed offering the resident the opportunity for immediate integration of didactic knowledge with clinical practice thereby fostering advanced clinical decision-making in the area of neurologic physical therapy.

Resident Opportunities

Available Clinical Settings:

- Inpatient Rehabilitation
- Acute Care including Intensive Care Units (Medical and Surgical)
- Outpatient Rehabilitation including aquatic and vestibular therapy
- Spinal Cord Injury/Disease regional hub including advanced mobility assessment and prescription
- Interdisciplinary Clinics: Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis, Multiple Sclerosis, Movement Disorders, Amputee, and Orthotics
- Wound Care Rounds
- Home-Based Primary Care
- Driver's Rehabilitation
- Pain Clinic

Additional Experiences:

- Didactic course work through face-to-face instruction and advanced practice webinars
- One-on-one clinical instruction and mentorship from interdisciplinary team members and a variety of Board-Certified Specialists
- Resident-directed scholarly project
- Potential lab assisting, instruction and teaching opportunities at Maryville University



Program Highlights:

Clinical content will include screening, evaluation, and treatment for adult veterans with neurologic conditions in all practice settings at the VA-St. Louis Health Care System.

Didactic opportunities include webinars, conferences, professional presentations, and journal clubs through VA. Additional didactic opportunities may include classroom and laboratory training at Maryville University.

Clinical specialists and content experts will provide clinical mentoring during direct patient management. VA faculty will provide additional mentoring in areas of teaching, critical inquiry, and research.

Residents will complete the APTA Clinical Instructor Level 1 Credentialing Course.

Program graduates are eligible to sit for the ABPTS Neurologic Physical Therapy Specialist Board Exam.

Neurologic PT Program graduation rate: 100%; Cumulative VA-St. Louis PT Residency Programs graduation rate: 78%

Neurologic Physical Therapy Board Certification Exam pass rate for program graduates: 100%

Cumulative Physical Therapy Residency Program Exam pass rate for program graduates: 100%

Additional Information:

The residency program is 12 months in length, not to exceed 13 months in special circumstances.

Residents are full-time salaried employees of the VA-St. Louis Health Care System with access to health benefits, life insurance, and paid time off.

There is no cost for tuition or program fees.

Residents carry a 75% caseload to allow time for mentoring, didactic coursework, professional presentations and scholarly projects.

The program is accredited by the American Board of Physical Therapy Residency and Fellowship Education effective 5/31/2020.

Program Admission Requirements:

- Applicant must be a citizen of the United States of America
- Degree from a CAPTE accredited physical therapy program
- Current physical therapy license in a state in the United States of America prior to residency start date
- Completed application through RF-PTCAS due February 1, 2022 (Applications will continue to be accepted until the position is filled)
- Performance-Based Interview
- Comply with all VA-St. Louis Health Care System employment requirements

Health Professions Trainees (HPTs) are appointed as temporary employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs. As such, HPTs are subject to laws, policies, and guidelines posted for VA staff members. There are infrequent times in which this guidance can change during a training year which may create new requirements or responsibilities for HPTs. If employment requirements change during the course of a training year, HPTs will be notified of the change and impact as soon as possible and options provided. The VA Training Director for your profession will provide you with the information you need to understand the requirement and reasons for the requirement in timely manner.

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